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SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENT

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1. WATER COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM
31ST SESSION (AGENDA ITEM 3) INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN KREMPELS
(HUNGARY) WHO CALLED COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION TO SOVIET
PROPOSALS FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT,
TRANSPORT AND ENERGY. CHAIRMAN THEN INTRODUCED ENVIRON-
MENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DIVISION DIRECTOR BISHOP WHO,
IN DISCUSSING ALL RELEVANT 31ST SESSION RESOLUTIONS AND
DECISIONS, LIMITED REMARKS ON SOVIET PROPOSAL TO
READING DECISION B (XXXI) AND NOTING PARAS 12-14 OF
DOCUMENT WATER/R.38.

2. USSR, FIRST SPEAKER ON ITEM, ALSO CALLED ATTENTION
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TO CONGRESSES PROPOSAL, NOTED THAT GOVERNMENTS HAD HAD
TIME TO RESPOND AND THAT ECE SECRETARIAT PREPARAING REPORT

FOR 32ND SESSION, AND HOPES FOR POSITIVE RESPONSE.

3. US DEL, REFERRING TO SOVIET INTERVENTION AND
PARA 15 OF WATER/R.38, MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES
PARA 2 STATE 210010 AND PARA 4 REFTEL. BISHOP, TAKING
NOTE OF US INTERVENTION, CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT
THAT GROUP OF EXPERTS ON WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY,
IN DRAWING WATER COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION TO SOVIET
PROPOSAL THAT COMMITTEE CONSIDER HOW IT COULD TAKE
ACTIVE PART IN ORGANIZING CONGRESSES, HAD NOT ENDORSED
THAT PROPOSAL.

4. ITALY, FRG, FRANCE AND CANADA SUPPORTED US VIEW,
WHILE GDR, POLAND AND BULGARIA SUPPORTED SOVIET
PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING OF CONGRESSES. BOTH FRG AND
GDR STRESSED THAT THEIR POSITIONS CONSISTENT WITH
INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT CSCE FINAL ACT.

5. SECRETARIAT NOW SEARCHING FOR ACCEPTABLE WORKING
FOR FINAL REPORT, WHICH EXPECTED TO STRESS AGREEMENT
OF ALL DELEGATIONS ON READINESS TO IMPLEMENT ALL
RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF 31ST SESSION. CATTO

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